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Special Edition for the 30th anniversary of Crap From The Past

– Introduction –

What you have here is a special edition of "Stomp Ron", dedicated to Crap From The Past's 30th anniversary.
Allow me to explain what this is about:

I'm an avid listener of both True Brit (with "Good King" Simon Husbands) and Crap From The Past (with Ron "Boogiemonster" Gerber, of course). Me – that's Thomas Nimmesgern from Germany, listening to both shows since 2017, and enjoying every minute of it.

In case you don't know, "Stomp Ron" is a part in Simon's show True Brit where Simon asks Ron several difficult questions about famous songs, musicans and music history – a pop music riddle that is really entertaining!

Crap From The Past celebrates its 30th anniversary on the last weekend of January 2022. As I enjoy "Stomp Ron" and Crap From the Past so much, it occured to me that I might create my own musical riddle, similar to "Stomp Ron"...

...and this is what you're reading here: six questions about Crap From The Past, highlighting the milestones, the records, and the high points in the history of Crap From The Past – a Stomper dedicated to Crap From The Past, so we can finally have Ron stomped by his own show. Nice! 😉

As you will see, this Special Stomper is split into three parts: the actual questions; followed by some hints (in case the answers aren't obvious); and finally the answers, with some additional background for each answer.

(So if you want to find the correct answers to this Stomper by yourself, don't read the hints or the answers.)

Crap From The Past is one of my favourite radio shows. What a musical pleasure this show is! ☺

Regard this Special Stomper as my Thankyou for the great entertainment Crap From The Past has given us over the years. Not only is KFAI one of my favourite radio stations, Crap From The Past is my musical high point of the week!

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– The Questions –

The following questions are sorted by difficulty, so the first question is the easiest, whereas the last question is impossible to answer.

1) The current episodes of Crap From The Past on KFAI are two hours long, running every Friday evening.

→ **Who hosted the first two-hour Friday evening show on KFAI?**

2) Sometimes Ron welcomes a guest to Crap From The Past; some guests have appeared several times in the show.

→ **Which guest has appeared most frequently?**

→ ***Bonus question*: When did she or he visit Crap From The Past for the first time?**

3) In the history of Crap From The Past, the episode that aired on December 25, 2020, was really special.

→ **What makes that episode so special and outstanding?**

See the hints for multiple choices.

4) Several episodes of Crap From The Past have been dedicated to remarkable artists.

→ **Which band or which artist have the most episodes been dedicated to?**

5) Ron has played the Intermission music from Monty Python And The Holy Grail for a long time, and he still uses it today.

→ **When did Ron use it for the first time as his music bed?**

See the hints for multiple choices.

→ ***Bonus question*: What composition is the Intermission music from Monty Python And The Holy Grail based on?**

6) If you really want to, you can listen to Crap From The Past for more than 93 days in a row; provided you listen to it 24 hours a day, without any interruption.

→ **How many episodes of Crap From The Past can you listen to, based on the archive at crapfromthepast.com?**

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– The Hints –

1) → **Who hosted the first two-hour Friday evening show on KFAI?**

» In the very early days of Crap From The Past, there had already been several episodes that were two hours long (or even longer!); however, this question refers to the KFAI episodes on Friday.

» The first two-hour Friday evening show on KFAI aired on August 4, 2017.

» A musical hint: Think of a specific R&B song from the mid-eighties famous for its remarkable, distinctive bassline (which has been sampled quite often since then, for example in "City Lights" by William Pitt). The song was produced by a New York-born musician who released his solo album "Bags & Things" in 1972 on ABC / Dunhill.

The title of this song may give you a hint for our first Stomper question.

2) → **Which guest has appeared most frequently?**

» This includes appearances as a guest and as a guest host, and counts all episodes, no matter the radio station.

» The person in question has appeared in 3.89 % of all episodes (as of February 5, 2022).

→ ***Bonus question*** **: When did she or he visit Crap From The Past for the first time?**

» When the person in question visited Crap From The Past for the first time, Cosmic Slop was still on air.

» The person in question visited Crap From The Past for the first time when year dates still begun with "19".

3) → **What makes the episode of December 25, 2020, so special and outstanding?**

» These four choices may help you:

a) It was the first time that Ron didn't play any songs during the show.

b) If Ron is asked what his favourite CFTP episode is, he usually refers to that episode.

c) There was no show on December 25, 2020. I have made it up just for this question.

d) That episode is the longest episode ever in the history of Crap From The Past.

4) → **Which band or which artist have the most episodes been dedicated to?**

» The artist's name or the band name appears in the title of the respective episode, and their music creates a remarkable, important element of the respective episode; no reruns are counted.
» Unnecessary trivia: There are more episodes dedicated to Milli Vanilli than to Holly Knight.
» Neither Milli Vanilli nor Holly Knight appear in the Top 3 of Ron's musical dedications.
» The artist the most episodes have been dedicated to released their debut album on Warner.
» The artist the most episodes have been dedicated to was named after their father's stage name.
» An easy hint: The artist to whom the most episodes have been dedicated was born in the same year Billboard's Hot 100 premiered.

5) → **When did Ron use the Intermission music from Monty Python And The Holy Grail for the first time as his music bed?**

» These four choices may help you.
Each of the these episodes represents a true milestone in the history of Crap From The Past.
a) the Crap From The Past episode of July 20, 2012
b) the Crap From The Past episode of March 9, 2007
c) the Crap From The Past episode of March 26, 1998
d) the Crap From The Past episode of March 6, 1992

→ ***Bonus question*** **: What composition is the Intermission music from Monty Python And The Holy Grail based on?**

» The Intermission music is not an original composition.
Instead, it basically consists of eight bars taken from a Ragtime / Stride piano song, recorded by its composer in 1934.

6) → **How many episodes of Crap From The Past can you listen to, based on the archive at crapfromthepast.com?**

This might be the unsolvable question.

» As of February 5, 2022, the sum of digits (of the number of episodes) is 5.
» Remember that you can listen to Crap From The Past for 93½ days in a row.
Maybe you can estimate what the average length per episode is, so you may have an idea how many episode you can listen to per day.
» The answers and hints for the other questions might be helpful here.
» If you're good at maths, it will help you to know that the prime factors (of the number of episodes) are 2, 11, and 31, so you can guess what the last digit (of the number of episodes) is.

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– The Answers –

1) → **Who hosted the first two-hour Friday evening show on KFAI?**

| ! | The first two-hour Friday evening show on KFAI was hosted by Good King Simon, on August 4, 2017, entitled "First two-hour Friday night show, hosted by Simon Husbands" (which can be downloaded from http://archive.org/details/cftp-2017-08-04).

By the way: The musical hint given above refers to the song "Don't Look Any Further" by Dennis Edwards feat. Siedah Garret, produced by Dennis Lambert – because Good King Simon usually sits near the Boogiemonster during "Stomp Ron!".

2) → **Which guest has appeared most frequently?**

| ! | The person who has appeared most frequently at Crap From The Past (besides Ron himself) is Chuck Tomlinson.

As of February 5, 2022, Chuck has appeared 53 times at Crap From The Past; often as a guest, especially for KFAI's Pledge Drive shows, and as a guest host sometimes.

→ ***Bonus question*** **: When did she or he visit Crap From The Past for the first time?**

| ! | The first time Chuck Tomlinson did so was on May 10, 1999, as a guest host, with Joel Stitzel.

That episode is entitled "Hosted by Chuck and Joel of Radio K's Cosmic Slop" (which can be downloaded from http://www.archive.org/details/cftp-1999-05-10).

For further reference, see the list of Chuck's appearances, appended to Stomp Ron!

3) → **What makes the episode of December 25, 2020, so special and outstanding?**

a) It was the first time that Ron didn't play any songs during the show.

| ! | NO.

Actually, there are several shows in which Ron didn't play any songs at all; however, the episode of December 25, 2020, isn't one of them.

The first time that Ron didn't play any songs was on August 7, 2020, when he welcomed Gordon Pogoda and Mark Mathews to his show.

That episode is entitled "All About Compilation CDs, with Gordon Pogoda and Mark Mathews" (available at http://archive.org/details/cftp-2020-08-07).

b) If Ron is asked what his favourite CFTP episode is, he usually refers to that episode.

| ! | NO.

Ron's favourite shows are mostly those of the Valentine Day series, usually entitled "Woefully Ineffective Love Songs".

Another favourite of Ron's seems to be "Crappersize: Crap Yourself Thin!", an episode that originally aired on November 25, 2005, and has been rerun five times after that (as of February 5, 2022).

This makes "Crappersize: Crap Yourself Thin!" the episode with the most reruns ever!

For further reference, see the list of these five reruns, appended to Stomp Ron!

c) There was no show on December 25, 2020. I have made it up just for this question.

| ! | NO.

This could have been true if Simon had taken over Ron's airtime, but Ron did host his show.

d) That episode is the longest episode ever in the history of Crap From The Past.

| ! | YES.

The episode of December 25, 2020, is indeed the longest episode ever, lasting exactly four hours and one second, which is entitled "2020 The Year In Review" (it can be downloaded from http://archive.org/details/cftp-2020-12-25).

It is just 17 seconds longer than the second-longest episode, that is "J.D. Ryznar, Chuck And Joel, and Mason join Ron, then a Brexit True Brit" which aired on December 27, 2019 (available at http://archive.org/details/cftp-2019-12-27).

4) → **Which band or which artist have the most episodes been dedicated to?**

| ! | It is Prince to whom the most episodes have been dedicated.
As of February 5, 2022, there have been eight episodes dedicated to Prince.

Five episodes have been dedicated to Stevie Wonder, and four episodes to James Brown.

(As mentioned in the hints, more episodes have been dedicated to Milli Vanilli than to Holly Knight: three episodes have been dedicated to Milli Vanilli, two to Holly Knight.)

For further reference, see the list of musical dedications, appended to Stomp Ron!

5) → **When did Ron use the Intermission music from Monty Python And The Holy Grail for the first time as his music bed?**

The following episodes are remarkable in their own right, representing milestones and records in the history of Crap From The Past.

a) the Crap From The Past episode of July 20, 2012

| ! | NO.

The episode of July 20, 2012, is remarkable because it set a record for the largest number of guests in the studio during a show. Six guests attended the show: Drew Durigan, Jen Jacobs, Glen Lewerenz, Jay Philpott, Brad Savage, and Chuck Tomlinson.

That episode is entitled "Annual Conclave silliness, with Chuck Tomlinson, Brad Savage, Glen Lewerenz, Drew Durigan, Jen Jacobs and Jay Philpott", it can be downloaded from http://archive.org/details/cftp-2012-07-20.

b) the Crap From The Past episode of March 9, 2007

| ! | NO.

The episode of March 9, 2007, is the very episode that proves that "Anything Can Hit #1 In England" (which is, indeed, the title of the episode).

In my not so humble opinion, this is the best episode ever; for it represents the essence of Crap From The Past: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly in music, presented with passion and knowledge; sometimes goofy, sometimes serious, always entertaining.
(It is available at http://archive.org/details/cftp-2007-03-09.)

c) the Crap From The Past episode of March 26, 1998

| ! | NO.

This was Ron's first (full) show on KFAI. In 1998, almost all episodes of Crap From The Past were internet-only shows, provided by KFAI – all but one: the episode of March 26, 1998, was a fill-in show live on air after the regular host, Angie, had become sick.

d) the Crap From The Past episode of March 6, 1992

| ! | YES.

It was only five weeks after the very first episode of Crap From The Past that Ron used the Intermission music from Monty Python And The Holy Grail as his music bed.

After "Rock It" by Herbie Hancock, a talk break begins at 1 h 10' 05" when Ron starts talking to his studio guest, who is Terry The Hot Babe.
At 1 h 11' 02", Ron announces his "official Groupies' Music"; and four seconds later, at 1 h 11' 06", the actual music bed finally starts.

That music bed is the Intermission music from Monty Python And The Holy Grail, here used as Ron's music bed for the first time ever.

(This is available at http://www.archive.org/details/cftp-1992-03-06 with the title "Ron Filled In For Todd Havens's Two-Hour Show After Crap From The Past So The Show Seemed Twice As Long".)

→ ***Bonus question*** **: What composition is the Intermission music from Monty Python And The Holy Grail based on?**

| ! | It is taken from the composition "Alligator Crawl" written by Thomas Wright Waller, also known as Fats Waller.

He probably composed it in 1927. In 1934, Waller recorded "Alligator Crawl" as a solo piano, consisting of several parts. One of those parts was the basis for the Intermission music from Monty Python And The Holy Grail.
There are recordings by other artists, but they mostly differ from Waller's recording; his makes it easy to spot which part laid the foundation for the Intermission music.

Listen to the recording at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jK2-DS4TDy0 – at 1' 09", the very part begins that was used for the Intermission music.

6) → **How many episodes of Crap From The Past can you listen to, based on the archive at crapfromthepast.com?**

| ! | As of February 5, 2022, there have been 1,364 episodes so far.

If you really want to know, the total length of all episodes so far is 2,245 h 58 min 56 sec, which equals 93.58 enduring days of Crap From The Past.

The average length per episode is 1 h 38 min 47.81 sec. One of the reasons why the average is so much shorter than today's episodes is that almost all episodes of 1998 / 1999 were short internet-only episodes, each lasting 15 to 20 minutes – that lowers the average significantly.

By the way: One of those is the shortest Crap From The Past episode ever. It's the episode "All That Glitters: Andrew Gold's Birthday" available at KFAI in the week of July 19, 1998; it is exactly 13 minutes long (now availabe at http://www.archive.org/details/cftp-1998-07-19).

Question 2) How often Charles "Boing Bumm Tschak" Tomlinson has appeared on Crap From The Past

1	May 10, 1999	Hosted by Chuck and Joel of Radio K's Cosmic Slop
2	August 21, 2000	The jaw-dropping All-Knock-Offs Show, proudly co-hosted with Cosmic Slop's Chuck
3	July 2, 2001	The Bicentennial Show, with Chuck and Dangerman, featuring seven versions of "The Americans"
4	December 17, 2004	With Chuck and Joel, of Cosmic Slop (1993-2004)
5	March 18, 2005	Pledge drive with Chuck and Joel
6	November 21, 2008	And then Chuck showed up!
7	June 5, 2009	Goodbye R&R and King Of The Hill, Hello Chuck
8	May 7, 2010	With Chuck
9	November 11, 2011	11-11-11 with Chuck And Joel
10	June 15, 2012	With guest Chuck Tomlinson
11	July 20, 2012	Annual Conclave silliness, with Chuck Tomlinson, Brad Savage, Glen Lewerenz, Drew Durigan, Jen Jacobs and Jay Philpott
12	September 28, 2012	Pledge drive with Chuck
13	June 21, 2013	Stormy, stormy night, co-hosted by Chuck Tomlinson
14	July 19, 2013	With all of Ron's commercial radio buddies in town for The Conclave
15	October 18, 2013	With guest Chuck Tomlinson, and original versions of songs that were remade in 1982
16	April 4, 2014	Pledge drive with Chuck Tomlinson
17	September 19, 2014	Featuring radio legend Chuck Tomlinson
18	January 2, 2015	Goodbye K-Twin, with Chuck Tomlinson
19	September 11, 2015	Gino Time, with Chuck Tomlinson
20	September 18, 2015	Pledge drive, with Chuck
21	September 25, 2015	Featuring Paul Haney, with Chuck
22	January 29, 2016	Ron and Chuck celebrate CFTP's 24th birthday
23	April 1, 2016	Pledge drive, with Chuck Tomlinson
24	July 15, 2016	Another Conclave show
25	September 16, 2016	Pledge drive, with Chuck Tomlinson and a buncha Mike Post
26	September 23, 2016	Pledge drive, with The Days Of The Week, and Chuck Tomlinson
27	December 23, 2016	With J.D. Ryznar of Yacht Rock, Chuck And Joel of Cosmic Slop, Mason of Cruise Control, and JJ Kincaid!
28	January 27, 2017	Ron is deeply grateful for his audience as CFTP turns 25, with Chuck Tomlinson
29	March 17, 2017	Pledge drive, with Chuck Tomlinson
30	June 16, 2017	With Chuck Tomlinson
31	September 22, 2017	Pledge drive, with Chuck Tomlinson and Good King Simon
32	January 5, 2018	Some Glen Burtnick stuff, with Chuck Tomlinson
33	March 23, 2018	Pledge drive, with Chuck Tomlinson
34	April 13, 2018	Interview with Dr. Demento and John Cafiero, with Chuck Tomlinson
35	July 13, 2018	Featuring Chuck, Ella, and Avery
36	September 21, 2018	Pledge drive, with Chuck Tomlinson
37	March 1, 2019	Chuck Tomlinson and Ron interview drummer and producer Fred Maher
38	March 22, 2019	Pledge Drive, with Good King Simon and Good Ol' Chuck
39	June 21, 2019	Chuck and Ron play some modern rock stuff
40	August 2, 2019	Pledge drive, with Chuck, Bishops, Blonker, and misspelled accordions
41	October 18, 2019	Pledge drive, with Chuck Tomlinson, Ella, and DJ SLT
42	October 25, 2019	Pledge drive, with Chuck Tomlinson and Ian Rans
43	December 27, 2019	J.D. Ryznar, Chuck And Joel, and Mason join Ron, then a Brexit True Brit
44	January 17, 2020	Chuck and Ron play some modern rock stuff; originally aired as True Brit 2019-06-22
45	March 27, 2020	Pandemic, week 3, plus Pledge Drive with Chuck Tomlinson
46	June 12, 2020	Hangin' out with Chuck Tomlinson
47	July 10, 2020	With Paul Haney of Record Research, and Chuck Tomlinson
48	July 17, 2020	KFAI Summer 2020 Fundraiser, with Chuck Tomlinson
49	March 12, 2021	Cassettes, with Chuck Tomlinson (KFAI Pledge Drive)
50	July 9, 2021	KFAI Pledge Drive, with Ron and Chuck Tomlinson
51	July 16, 2021	KFAI Pledge Drive, hosted by Simon Husbands and Chuck Tomlinson
52	October 22, 2021	KFAI's Fall 2021 Pledge Drive, with Chuck and Ron
53	January 21, 2022	Ron answers questions for CFTP's 30 birthday, with Chuck Tomlinson

Question 3) What makes "Crappersize: Crap Yourself Thin!" the episode with the most reruns ever

Number of reruns	November 25, 2005	Crappersize: Crap Yourself Thin!
1	November 24, 2006	Crappersize: Crap Yourself Thin! (rerun)
2	November 22, 2013	(rerun) Crappersize Crap Yourself Thin
3	November 23, 2018	Dana and 90 minutes of Crappersize: Crap Yourself Thin!
4	November 20, 2020	Gravy is Groovy, and Crappersize: Crap Yourself Thin!
5	November 26, 2021	Crappersize (rerun) plus a half hour of songs new to CFTP

Question 4) Episodes dedicated to great artists or bands

– third-most dedications : four episodes have been dedicated to James Brown

1 / 4	April 30, 1997	James Brown's Birthday
2 / 4	May 3, 1999	James Brown's Birthday
3 / 4	May 8, 2000	Woops; missed James Brown's Birthday
4 / 4	May 2, 2003	James Brown's Birthday

– second-most dedications : five episodes have been dedicated to Stevie Wonder

1 / 5	May 10, 1998	Stevie Wonder's Birthday
2 / 5	May 2, 1999	Sing Like Stevie
3 / 5	December 31, 2004	Happy New Year, with Stevie
4 / 5	September 14, 2007	All Stevie Wonder, All The Time, Part 2
5 / 5	December 5, 2014	Uptown Funk and Stevie

– most dedications : eight episodes have been dedicated to Prince

1 / 8	June 5, 1996	Prince's Birthday, with Siren
2 / 8	May 31, 1998	Prince's Birthday
3 / 8	June 7, 1999	Prince's Birthday!
4 / 8	June 6, 2003	Prince's Birthday
5 / 8	December 31, 2010	Happy New Year, with Prince
6 / 8	April 22, 2016	Prince (1958-2016)
7 / 8	April 29, 2016	Mo' Prince
8 / 8	April 21, 2017	One year without Prince

– for the sake of completeness : these are the episodes dedicated to Milli Vanilli and Holly Knight, as mentioned in the hints

Holly Knight

1 / 2	December 10, 2001	Silent Night, Holly Knight [all songs co-written by Holly Knight]
2 / 2	December 6, 2002	A 90-minute interview with pop songwriter Holly Knight!

Milli Vanilli

1 / 3	October 2, 1996	The Gory History of Milli Vanilli, with Siren
2 / 3	October 12, 2007	The All Milli Vanilli Pledge Drive Show
3 / 3	November 19, 2010	It was 20 years ago today: Milli Vanilli